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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 3:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/167,681, filed October 7, 1998. --

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13 and 18-31.

Please add new claims 32-36.

-- 32. The method of claim 14, wherein said sulfotransferase nucleotide sequence variant comprises an adenine at nucleotide 638 of a SULT1A1 nucleic acid sequence.

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